GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS UNDER COACHING AND ALLIED ASSISTANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released under the scheme of coaching and allied assistance for weaker sections including Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, and minorities during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the total number of beneficiaries thereunder, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the performance of the State Governments and other bodies in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enhance the Central share under the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 504 for answer on 10.5.2007.

(a) State-wise details of grants-in-aid released during the last three years viz. 2004-05 to 2006-07 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Coaching and Allied Assistance for weaker sections including SC, OBC and Minority, along with the number of beneficiaries are given in the Annexure. No grants-in-aid has been released so far during the current year.

(b) The reports received indicate that the scheme has helped in enhancing the educational skills of the target groups, thereby improving their prospects to compete with the general category candidates.

(c) to (d) The Scheme of Coaching and Allied Assistance has been revamped and a new Scheme of Free Coaching for SC and OBC students has been notified in April, 2007. The new scheme provides, inter-alia, for 100% funding of the coaching expenditure by the Government of India to reputed coaching centers selected for providing coaching.